

Subject: Newspaper coin inquiries

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INQUIRY DEPARTMENT.

Pulitzer Building, Park Row, N. Y.

August 15, ~~191~~ 1923.

Mr. S. P. Noe, Secretary:

Dear Sir: A dealer in rare coins at Fort Worth, Texas, advertises he will pay \$50 for a 1913 Nickle--but it must bear "a Liberty Head, not a Buffalo." We have had inquiries from persons who believe they have such a coin, but I suspect they have overlooked the one important part of the description. What I desire to know is, Was there ever ~~such~~ a coin minted that answers the description in the advertisement? That is, bearing a Liberty Head, and not a Buffalo.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours sincerely,

F. B. Saumenig

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Mr. F. B. Saumenig
THE WORLD
New York

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favour of August 15th concerning the 1913 nickle with a Liberty head, we would say that we have never been able to find out whether any such were made. Some years ago a statement appeared to the effect that five or six - or some very small number, were struck, but we have been unable to verify this. The presumption is that none were made. If, by any chance it was so, they were made without authorization and absolutely none would have gotten into circulation. It is safe to say that none of the people writing you that they have such a coin, have a specimen with a Liberty head.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

January 9th, 1924

The World
63 Park Row
New York City

Gentlemen:

I am returning to you your communication from Francisco Diaz V. as you might as well get the credit for answering it.

The piece the writer mentions is not a coin; it is an imitation made for jewelry or bangle purposes. I think that they were made in Birmingham. One sometimes comes across these in Oriental shops where they are occasionally sold as coins if the shopkeeper is dishonest. The chief proof that this is not a coin lies in the metal and the way the Arabic is written which is partly unreadable.

I am enclosing, herewith, a rubbing of one of these which is in our possession here.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E
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